

## READY FOR ACTION DUE TO JEALOUSY

Government Puts Topeka Battery on War Footing.

More Equipment and Horses for Local Soldiers.

Two cars of new army equipment were received today by the adjutant general's office which will put Battery A on immediate war footing, with full equipment in every particular. As soon as provision is made for the placing of 32 head of army horses here, the Topeka battery will be ready for an immediate call to arms from the federal government.

In the shipment which arrived in Topeka today are four caissons, four limbers and harness and horse equipment sufficient to bring the battery to full army strength. None of the batteries in this territory have been equipped with more than eight caissons and limbers. That was the strength of Battery A until today. Now the local army is provided with 12 caissons and limbers and sufficient equipment to place it on army footing.

The new equipment is to be stored in the sub-basement at the state house and is packed ready for immediate use. Provision is now being made for the sending of 32 head of army horses to Topeka for use by Battery A. With the horses will come a half dozen army experts who will care for the animals and have them ready for use at any time by the battery.

Topeka's quarters are among the first in the western district to be fully equipped for immediate service. It is understood that other western posts are to receive similar equipment this summer. Beginning today, though Battery A is ready for immediate action.

## TIED UP BY WASHOUTS

Santa Fe Harmony Special Is Marooned in Oklahoma.

The Santa Fe harmony specialists, after successful meetings in several Oklahoma towns this week, were tied up by washouts today. This morning they spent several hours between Crescent and Wirt, on the Enid branch. The special train was unable to move on account of the high waters of the Cimarron river.

After a delay of several hours, while the bridge over the Cimarron was being repaired, the Topeka officers this afternoon were allowed to proceed. They will arrive in Topeka Sunday. In the party are C. W. Kouns, general manager; E. L. Copeland, secretary and treasurer; J. R. Kouns, general freight agent; J. C. Burnett, assistant general freight agent; E. H. Bunnell, auditor of disbursements; W. W. Strickland, freight auditor; J. M. Connell, general passenger agent, and J. F. Jarrell, publicity agent.

"Luther Burbank Day." San Francisco, June 4.—"Luther Burbank Day" attracted thousands to the Panama-Pacific exposition today. Every visitor was given, as a souvenir, samples of seeds, guaranteed to produce several varieties of Burbank's famous freak plants. Giant cherries, plumcots and thornless berries are among the varieties of Burbank's seeds are expected to sprout.

A Card of Thanks. We desire to express to the Lutheran Frazer-Verein, Topeka, and the geographical Union No. 121, Local 36, A. F. of M., Marshall's Band, President's Office, K. L. of S., Tabca Class, State Journal Employees, G. L. C. Club, and to our neighbors and friends, our sincere appreciation for their many kindnesses and messages of sympathy during our late bereavement.

OTTO L. G. RAHN, ERNA RAHN, HELEN RAHN. Adv.

Relatives of Topeka People Write of the War.

Germany's Cause Just and She Expects to Win.

Commercial jealousy inspiring other nations to strike at Germany is the cause of the present European conflict, in the opinion of relatives of Otto Rahn, assistant foreman of the mechanical department of the Topeka State Journal, and of his sister, Miss Anna Rahn, of the Capital Shirt factory. They have many relatives in Germany. An uncle writing from Berlin says the war broke as unexpectedly in Berlin as a thunderbolt comes from a clear sky.



A supporter of German law in Belgium, Bernhard Behring, who has relatives in Topeka.

"Judging from the letters," said Miss Rahn, "the people of Germany all believe they are fighting a just war and one not of their choosing, but which has been forced upon Germany by the other nations. They are determined to fight to the very last and they expect to win."

The accompanying picture was received recently by Miss Rahn. It was mailed in Belgium and is that of the husband of a cousin of Miss Rahn. His name is Bernhard Behring. He is in the "landstrum" division of the German army and the picture shows the uniform of that division of the army.

The "landstrum" is composed of men more than forty years old. Behring and others are detained to assist in the reorganization of government in that part of Belgium occupied by the Germans.

## A. O. U. W., ATTENTION!

The annual sermon this year will be delivered by Rev. Arthur S. Henderson, pastor of the First Congregational church, at corner of Harrison and Seventh streets, Sunday evening, June 6, at 7:45 o'clock. Members of the order and their wives are invited and requested to attend. Dr. Henderson's reputation as a forceful and entertaining preacher ought to be sufficient to fill his church, even to overflowing.

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## WARNINGS NOT NEW.

No Recent Orders in Germany for Americans to Get Out.

Washington, June 5.—Ambassador Gerard, at Berlin, cabled the state department today that reports of Americans in Germany having been warned to be prepared to leave were attributable to the embassy's standing advice that the war zone in Europe was not a desirable place for Americans. "The warning that the stories have reference to," said Secretary Bryan today, "is what has been said since the war began; that is, that during the war Europe is not a good place for Americans to be."

## TOPEKANS IN MOVIES.

Raymond Wells and Marc Robbins at Local Theaters Today.

Two former Topekans are playing leads in motion pictures which are being shown today in local theaters. Raymond Wells, former Topeka jitney magnate and now leading man for the Reliance company, is appearing at the Cozy taking the chief role in "The Deadly Focus," a feature drama. Marc Robbins, who is perhaps better known personally in Topeka than any other actor, is appearing at the Best theater, taking the lead in an Edison comedy, "The Best Man."

Pedagogic Laboratory. Hays City, Kan., June 5.—The entire school system of this city has been turned over to the Kansas State Normal school to use as a "Pedagogic Laboratory." Among the innovations installed are a free dental clinic, free medical inspection, social center, community music, playgrounds and athletics.

## New Service Station

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## LONDON MOBS ATTACK GERMAN SHOPS FOLLOWING ZEP PELIN RAID ON CITY



Severe rioting has taken place all over England following Zeppelin raids by the Germans. The picture shows a crowd of rioters smashing up German shops in London, using as a battering ram a Great damage was done all over the country by the rioters and the local police were unable to control the situation.

## URNS STEEPLE JACK.

Sailor Harry Edmondson Climbs State Journal Flag Pole.

The crowd in front of the score board at the State Journal office lost interest in the ball game about 4 o'clock when Harry Edmondson, steeple jack, and ex-sailor in the merchant service, mounted to the top of the State Journal flagpole. In his ascent Edmondson "shinned" up the pole and used only a small rope a few feet in length looped around the staff to brace himself against the stiff breeze. Edmondson has been in Kansas for more than a year. He was a sailor for 12 years and at one time captain of a vessel on the Great Lakes. During the time he is not engaged in climbing poles he tries to teach "landlubbers" the language of the seas. "Hones," he remarked to a reporter, "only about one person out of a hundred here knows the meaning of 'port' and 'starboard.'"

"When I was down in the southern part of the state I witnessed a fight that grew out of an argument over an American flag on the bow of the Lusitania. Some of the reasons given by members of the crowd as to why it was there were laughable. I stopped the row by explaining that a foreign vessel visiting the United States carried an American flag at her bow and her home flag at the stern."

Married Women Can Teach. Denver, Colo., June 5.—Married women no longer will be barred from teaching in the local public schools. The school board recently abrogated its rule to that effect passed a year ago. The woman member of the board, Mrs. Helen M. Wixson, was instrumental in bringing about the change favoring married women.

Philadelphia jitney men have organized to prohibit "joyriding."

## JOY RIDERS ESCAPE.

Overhauled by Police They Take to the Tall Grass.

Friday evening an auto belonging to S. E. Cobb of the Bank of Topeka, was stolen from the curb in front of the City Auditorium while Mr. Cobb was attending the high school commencement exercises. After the exercises the theft was discovered and Mr. Cobb notified the police. Bert Richardson, police driver, and Vern Welsh, motorcop, made a search through the city for the stolen car. It was located carrying four occupants at Fifteenth and Boswell avenue. An attempt to slip up on the joy riders by the occupants of the police car failed. The four young men deserted the car and escaped. Their hasty withdrawal from the vicinity of Fifteenth and Boswell avenue was prompted by two shots from Bert Richardson's revolver.

Italy a Big Horse Purchaser. Lincoln, Neb., June 5.—Information received by Nebraska horse buyers indicate that Italy will be a heavy purchaser of horses throughout the middle western states in the near future.

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# CURRENT TOPICS

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## STILL UNDAIMPENED.

Not Even Terrible Rains Can Stop Electricity's Onward March.

Electricity's onward march into the homes of Topeka continues unabated. Not even the heavy weather, with its days of incessant rains, could dampen the desire of the many who are just waking up to the economy and superiority of electricity.

The owners of fifteen homes in the western part of the city contracted for wiring and fixtures the past week, ten in the eastern part, six in North Topeka and two in South Topeka.

Join the great growing army of electricity. Call 4030 and ask that an Illumination Engineer be sent you free of charge to plan for the wiring of your house and make an estimate. It doesn't cost you a cent, whether you sign a contract or not.

Following are the homes that have contracted for light right the past week:  
West Topeka: J. F. Penny, 1023 Lane; M. H. Strickle, 2119 West Tenth; Mrs. A. McKeeman, 1012 West; J. E. Douglas, 1162-1164 Buchanan; F. North, 1181 Buchanan; B. Toliver, 1184 Buchanan; William Starnes, 1192 Buchanan; Mrs. Mary Patton, 1156 Buchanan; C. W. Watson, 1208 Lincoln; T. D. Dier, 1155 Lincoln; E. Link, 1194 Lincoln; W. M. Green, 1126 Lincoln; Anna Hardison, 1211 Lane; Mrs. Cooper, 1717 Ellmore; East Topeka: C. Ost, 714 Locust; F. C. Kleseth, 26th and Michigan; W. H. A. Fusch, 1638 E. 3d; F. D. Windell, 1604 E. 6th; William Brinsdine, 626 Liberty; J. Swager, 815 Chandler; L. S. Johnston, 1019 E. 6th (store); J. A. Perry, 1515 E. 6th (store); A. A. Hawkins, 715 Locust; H. Bradshaw, 723 Locust.

North Topeka: R. M. Campbell, 1011 N. Jackson; W. G. Lane, 1016 N. Jackson; Albert Spook, 515 Grist (store); Mrs. Martha Smith, 1327 N. Topeka; Mrs. Birdie Garrett, 1308 N. Tyler; W. W. Quarles, 306 West Railroad.

## WIRES HIS SIX HOUSES

One of the most progressive land-lubbers in Topeka has had the pleasure of meeting in Irvin Spattlinger, an attorney with offices in the New England building. He has just contracted for the wiring of seven tenant houses all in a row on East Tenth street.

The houses are the property of his father, M. Spattlinger, who is in the East, but the son is looking after his interests during his absence and found that the first question desirable tenants ask now in seeking a house for rent is, "Is the house wired for electricity?"

A property owner recently admitted that the first question desirable tenants ask now in seeking a house for rent is, "Is the house wired for electricity?"

The Spattlinger houses are located at 214-216, 218-220, East Tenth street, and at 427 Monroe. No. 216 is a double house. All are of course, owned.

The sure way to keep your house occupied, Mr. Property Owner, is to wire it for electricity. The sure way to get electricity, Mr. Tenant, is to ask Mr. Property Owner for it.

Iron Without Heat. You one had to heat the whole room to do a little ironing. Now you buy an Electric Iron, which carries all the heat, and iron in your room, if you wish. Mrs. E. E. Brooks, 1282 College Avenue; Mrs. A. F. Fresh, 1123 College Avenue; Mrs. G. F. Schultz, 204 Clay street and Mrs. W. W. Hutton, 1 Vial Block, have bought Electric Irons the past week. You should buy one, too.

Buy Your Fan Now. Last week we said that this was the Electric Fan season and we were gratified to notice the Economy Grocery Company adopting our suggestion. It purchased four fans, one for each of its up-to-date stores at 17th and Kansas, 17th and Buchanan, Huntoon and Clay, and 1116 East Sixth. Buy your fan now.

## MILLIONS OF MICROBES.

Beaten From Old Carpets Into People's Lungs—Big City Daily's Timely Warning.

We have repeatedly emphasized the dangers that lurk in the old-fashioned method of carpet cleaning. We quote the following from the Memphis (Tenn.) News-Scimitar:

"Carpet beating in back yards is an industry that is dying out, and it should die out at once. The process liberates and sends through the air millions of poisonous microbes that float into the houses and into the lungs of people in the vicinity. There are vacuum cleaners and other machine methods of cleaning carpets which should be used. The advantages from a sanitary standpoint are great. An old carpet is a vast store house of germs and microbes that should not be permitted to infect the atmosphere and bring disease to innocent people."

Be safe by purchasing an Electrical Vacuum Cleaner. The Edison Company and all the Topeka electrical dealers and many stores have them.

Mrs. M. D. Robinson, of 735 Garfield Avenue, bought one the past week from the Edison. They are time, labor, money and health savers.

Special Sign Week. All season is summer for Electric Signs, but the coming week, beginning Monday, will be especially devoted to electric signs in Topeka. There are two expert sign men in the city, Max Wesner of Knoxville, Tenn., and Harry B. Porter of Kansas City, Mo., who will submit sketches of any kind of sign you may desire. Your store or business house should have an electric sign; it enhances appearance, shows you are progressive and is a great trade bringer. Telephone 4030 and ask for a visit from Mr. Porter or Mr. Wesner.